



The Boy in the Burning House

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Farrar, Straus and Giroux (BYR). Paperback. Condition: New. 224 pages. Dimensions: 7.5in. x 5.0in. x 0.6in. An Edgar Award Winner Two years after his fathers mysterious disappearance, Jim Hawkins is coping -- barely. Underneath, hes frozen in uncertainty and grief. What did happen to his father Is he dead or just gone Then Jim meets Ruth Rose. Moody, provocative, shes the bad-girl stepdaughter of Father Fisher, Jims fathers childhood friend and the town pastor, and she shocks Jim out of his stupor when she tells him her stepfather is a murderer. Dont you want to know who he murdered she asks. Jim doesnt. Ruth Rose is clearly crazy -- a sixteen-year-old misfit. Yet something about her fierce conviction pierces Jims shell. He begins to burn with a desire for the truth, until it becomes clear that it may be more unsettling than he can bear. What is the real meaning of the strange prayers Father Fisher intones behind the door of his private sanctuary Why does Ruth Rose suddenly disappear And what really happened thirty years ago when a boy died in a burning house The Boy in the Burning House is the winner of the 2002 Edgar Award for Best Young...



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